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Press Release

Guardian Capital Announces Estimated Final Distributions for Merging Fund

TORONTO, August 10, 2026 – In connection with the previously announced merger (the "**Merger**") of Guardian i^3 Global Quality Growth ETF (TSX: GIQG, GIQG.B) (the "**Merging Fund**") into Guardian i^3 Global Core Equity Fund (formerly, Guardian i^3 Global Quality Growth Fund), Guardian Capital LP ("**Guardian Capital**") announces the estimated final distributions (the "**Distributions**") for the Merging Fund. Please note that these are estimated amounts as of August 10, 2026, and include certain forward-looking information, which may cause the Distributions to change before the completion of the Merger on or about August 14, 2026**.**

Guardian i^3 Global Quality Growth ETF		
Series of ETF Units	**TSX Ticker**	**Estimated Distribution Amount (per ETF Series Unit) as at August 10, 2026**
Hedged ETF Units	GIQG	$0.00
Unhedged ETF Units	GIQG.B	$0.00

The Merging Fund is required to distribute any net income and capital gains that it has earned in the year. The Distributions (if any) will generally consist of capital gains and/or any excess net income as of Merger date. Any Distributions will not be paid in cash but will be reinvested and the resulting ETF series units immediately consolidated so that the number of ETF series units held by each investor will not change. Investors holding their ETF series units outside of registered plans will have taxable amounts to report and will have an increase in the adjusted cost base of their investment. In all cases, the Distributions (if any) will be reinvested on or about August 14, 2026, to unitholders of record on August 14, 2026.

Guardian Capital expects to announce the final, confirmed Distribution amounts (subject to any further revisions to the per ETF series unit amounts resulting from subscription and redemption activity prior to the record date), on or about August 17, 2026. The actual taxable amounts of all distributions for 2026, including the tax characteristics of the distributions, will be reported to brokers (through CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc. or "**CDS**") and will be posted on the Guardian Capital website in early 2027.

Guardian Capital provides estimated distributions for information purposes only. These estimates are not intended to be, nor should they be construed to be, legal or tax advice to any particular person.

For further information regarding the Merging Fund, please visit www.guardiancapital.com/investmentsolutions.

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